

FWP COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: August 2, 2012

Agenda Item: Reissuance of Separated Deer Licenses

Division: Finance

Action Needed: Approval of Final Action

Time Needed on Agenda for the Presentation: 15 minutes

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Background

By statute, when nonresidents apply for big game combination licenses, they can choose to separate the deer license out and apply for an elk combination license only. After this year's drawing, there are 2,195 deer licenses available for issue. In 2011 1,783 separated deer licenses were issued.

By rule, when deer populations are significantly below long term averages or objectives across large portions of the state, the commission will determine the number of B-11 deer combination licenses to be issued. Wildlife will provide information indicating areas where deer numbers are below long term averages.

Public Involvement Process and Results

The annual rule was adopted on July 12, 2012 with only one public comment.

Alternatives and Analysis

Choose to not issue all or a portion of these 2,195 deer combination licenses.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends issuance of these 2,195 B-11 nonresident deer combination licenses. Issuance of these licenses will not conflict with FWP's deer management plan since these licenses are general licenses. FWP will notify applicants that deer numbers may be lower than expected in certain areas in the state.

Proposed Motion

I move to issue 2,195 separated deer licenses to nonresidents as B-11 deer combination licenses.